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LETTER DATED 13 JANUARY 1992 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF BELGIUM, FRANCE AND THE UNITED KINGDOM OF GREAT BRITAIN AND NORTHERN IRELAND ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to draw to your attention the texts, in French and in English, of a declaration on Yugoslavia and a declaration on Montenegro adopted by the European Community and its member States at their ministerial meeting held at Brussels on 10 January 1992.

We should be grateful if you would circulate this letter and its annexes as an official document of the Security Council.

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Annex I

DECLARATION ON YUGOSLAVIA

[Original: English and French]

The Community and its member States welcome the resumption of the Conference on Yugoslavia under the presidency of Lord Carrington and call upon all republics to commit themselves fully to its successful outcome.

The Community and its member States also strongly support the efforts of the special envoy of the Secretary-General of the United Nations to promote the cease-fire agreed in Sarajevo on 2 January 1992. They warmly welcome the decision by the United Nations Security Council to send immediately to Yugoslavia a group of liaison officers, who will work closely together with the Monitoring Mission.

The Community and its member States reiterate their outrage at the intolerable aggression directed against the helicopters of the Monitoring Mission, all the more so when the parties to the conflict had given formal guarantees on the security of the monitors. They strongly urge the authorities in Belgrade and the JNA to cooperate fully with the commission of inquiry, under the auspices of the head of the Monitoring Mission, so that those responsible can be brought to justice.

The Community and its member States fully support the efforts of the head of the Monitoring Mission to secure strict and explicit guarantees with regard to the security of the monitors so as to avoid any further incident.

The Community and its member States underline that the activities of the Monitoring Mission of the European Community in Yugoslavia remain a key element of the peaceful settlement of the current crisis. They stress once again the courage shown by the monitors and express the hope that the peace process will continue with renewed determination.

Annex II

DECLARATION ON MONTENEGRO

[Original: English and French]

The Community and its member States welcome the reconvening of the Conference on Yugoslavia on 9 January 1992 in Brussels and note with satisfaction that all parties to the conflict were present.

The Community and its member States recognize the contribution made by the Yugoslav parties to the furtherance of a peaceful solution to the conflict. In this context, they note in particular the contribution by Montenegro to creating the necessary conditions for the continuation of the Conference, thus allowing the negotiations on a comprehensive political settlement to move forward.

The Community and its member States are therefore ready to prepare for the adoption of positive measures in favour of this republic similar to those measures which exist for other republics.